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9.1 Principle

The Department must be proactive in identifying opportunities for improvement.

9.2 Actions Leading to Opportunities for Improvement

- Encouragement of Department employees to identify improvement opportunities
- Review of the results of proficiency tests
- Review of the results of peer review reports
- Review of the results of testimony monitoring
- Review of audit reports
- Management reviews

9.3 Action Plans

- 9.3.1 When an opportunity for improvement is identified, the appropriate Laboratory Director, in conjunction with the Section Chief and QAC, will develop an action plan and deadlines. If the implementation will involve more than one Section and/or laboratory, the QAC will inform the Director of Technical Services of events to date. The plan and deadlines shall be discussed with appropriate Directors.
- 9.3.2 The QAC and Section Chief will execute the plan. The QAC and Section Chief will monitor and document the effect of the action plan. If the plan extends over a protracted time period, they will prepare regular progress reports to appropriate Directors.
- 9.3.3 On completion of planned monitoring, the QAC and Section Chief will prepare and provide a summary report to the appropriate Directors.
- 9.3.4 The Director of Technical Services will deem the preventive action completed, or specify further action.

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